CITY OF WEST DES MOINES BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: April 23, 2014

Item: Iowa Christian Academy Field House, 2296 Grand Ave - Approval to

construct an approximately 20,000sf gymnasium and future 12,000sf building

addition - Iowa Christian Academy - PC-002074-2014

Requested Action: Approval of a Permitted Conditional Use Permit

Case Advisor: Lynne Tweld

Applicant's Request: The applicant, Iowa Christian Academy, in cooperation with the property owner, Walnut Creek Community Church, are requesting approval to construct an approximately 20,000sf gymnasium and associated parking and site improvements for use by the school and church on property located at 2251 Fuller Road.

The gymnasium facility is currently intended to be used for ICA's athletic practices, camps, and games; music, drama, and choir rehearsals and performances; and other school activities, including but not limited to events such as Homecoming, Graduation, and their Annual Celebration. Approval to add a future building addition (11,500sf) for 7th-12th grade classrooms and a cafeteria is also being requested. The timing for construction of the building addition is unknown. In addition to ICA's use, as owner of the property Walnut Creek Community Church is intending to use the building for worship and other similar services and as a gathering hall for church activities and during summer camps. The school's use is classified under SIC 8211: Elementary and Secondary School, while the Church's use is classified under SIC 8661: Religious Organizations. SIC 8211 is a Permitted (P) use and SIC 8661 is classified as Permitted Conditional (Pc) land use within the Open Space zoning district of which this parcel is zoned. Due to the combination of intended uses by both the school and church, the application is being presented to the Board of Adjustment for consideration.

<u>History</u>: This property was zoned Nazarene Church Campground PUD on November 10, 2003. The PUD was adopted with seven (7) Conditions of Approval, several of which were never fulfilled thus rendering the PUD null and void. On January 27th of this year, the City Council approved a rezoning to officially void the Nazarene Church Campground PUD and return the area to the prior straight 'Open Space' zoning on the property.

<u>City Council Subcommittee</u>: This item was presented to the Development and Planning City Council Subcommittee on March 27, 2014. Discussion was had regarding whether the site context of the existing camp buildings or the natural environment should be used as a guide in designing the building. It was pointed out that Iowa Christian Academy was purposefully separating themselves from the camp and thus their desire was to capture the context of the natural environment through the incorporation of wood and stone building materials into an otherwise predominately metal building. (See attachment E for architect's explanation of the design and context.) Concern was raised by the subcommittee that the predominately metal building lent itself to more of an agricultural appearance which was not desired. Staff was directed to work with the applicant to minimize the amount of metal that was to be incorporated.

<u>Staff Review and Comment</u>: This request was distributed to other City departments and other agencies for their review and comment. There is one outstanding issue which relates to building materials and design. Staff would summarize the following key points of interest:

<u>Building Materials</u>: As indicated in the City Council Subcommittee section above, the subcommittee was concerned with the amount of visible metal siding, feeling that it was characteristic of an agricultural building. Staff conveyed this concern to school representatives on March 27th. The architect made some changes to the building; however, staff does not believe it yet meets the direction of the subcommittee. Overall staff feels the proposed design is attractive – especially for a gymnasium building. While there may be opportunity to further minimize the amount of visible metal on the south and west elevations, staff is

generally in agreement with that proposed. Staff's concerns rest primarily with the north and east facades which, as proposed, are predominately metal. Staff is requesting direction from the Board of Adjustment regarding whether the current proposed architectural design and use of materials is acceptable or if further modifications to reduce the amount of visible metal is warranted. Staff has recommended a condition of approval which requires the applicant continue to work with staff in regards to architecture. If the Board determines the current design is appropriate, the condition of approval will need to be removed as part of the Board's motion for approval of the project.

- Parking Lot Landscaping: The applicant is providing parking lot landscaping consistent with city code for the incorporation of landscape islands and tree pods in the parking area located along Grand; however, not in the parking field located south of the main entrance. Due to topography of the lot and channeling of storm water along the curb lines, the applicant is requesting that they not be required to implement islands or pods as this would impede the water flow. The applicant has located the minimum number of trees that would otherwise be required in islands or pods immediately adjacent to the parking field. The applicant is requesting this vegetation located immediately outside of the parking lot/sidewalk edge be accepted as meeting the intent of code in respect to the incorporation of landscaping for shade and visual softening of expanses of paving within parking areas. The applicant has located a landscape island within the middle parking rows within the lot south of the entrance which otherwise would not be required by code in order to provide additional trees within the lot and compensate for no islands along the parking lot edge.
- <u>Traffic Impact Study Recommendations</u>: A traffic analysis for the proposed gymnasium project was completed by staff. Based on the forecasted driveway volumes under typical conditions, dedicated left-turn lanes on Grand Avenue are not expected to be warranted with the proposed gymnasium development. However, if major events occur that lead to a full parking lot, entering volumes may spike immediately before events, potentially meeting warrants for left-turn lanes. Widening Grand Avenue to provide southbound left-turn lanes into the site driveways may become warranted if one of the following occurs in the future:
 - If future expansion (building or parking lot expansion) is expected to result in left-turn volumes that warrant dedicated turn lanes; or
 - If safety issues related to southbound rear-end crashes on Grand Avenue become an issue.

Immediately following large events, the rush of vehicles leaving the site may result in Level of Service (LOS) F for drivers attempting to exit driveways. Drivers would be forced to wait longer than desired for an acceptable gap. A drive connection to the south may be warranted to allow drivers to access to Fuller Road.

The applicant has indicated to staff that they are aware of the issues and agree to implementation of the recommendations stated in the traffic analysis. Staff has included a condition of approval requiring a subsequent Traffic Impact Study at such time that a building or parking addition is proposed to determine if the additions warrant the installation of either Grand Avenue or Fuller Road improvements.

- <u>Dedication of Fuller Road Right-of-Way</u>: Fuller Road is classified as a major collector requiring 100ft of total right-of-way or 50' from the center of the roadway. Currently the half right-of-way adjacent to the church's property appears to range from 33ft to 40ft. The applicant has recently completed property surveys in order to confirm the current rights-of-way and thus, calculate right-of-way deficiencies. Staff has recommended a condition of approval requiring dedication by the property owner (Walnut Creek Community Church) of any deficient right-of-way for Fuller Road prior to issuance of any occupancy permit, including temporary occupancy permits for the gymnasium building. The applicant has provided staff an email indicating that the church is aware of this responsibility and agrees to provision of satisfactorily addressing the right-of-way issues this summer.
- <u>Deferral of Certain Improvements</u>: ICA's project is located within the larger 22 acre parcel owned by Walnut Creek Community Church. Typical City practice is for all public improvements associated with/adjacent to the developing property to be constructed and/or provided in conjunction with development of the site. In this case, improvements required of the 22 acre property are as follows:
 - Installation of sidewalks along all public streets adjacent to the site. The sidewalk along the property boundary adjacent to Grand Avenue is approximately 1,300 linear feet in length. The applicant will be installing approximately 525 linear feet of the sidewalk as part of their site improvements (that

sidewalk portion located between their two access drives). The applicant is requesting that they be allowed up to five (5) years to install the remaining 775 linear feet of the sidewalk.

- Installation of streetlights along all public streets adjacent to the site.
 - Grand Avenue: Streetlights exist along the west side of Grand Avenue; however, they are not in the proper number or locations to meet the minimum street lighting standards required by the City. No street lights are currently located along the east side of Grand Avenue; however they will be necessary due to the street classification of Grand Avenue which requires lights on both sides of the street. The applicant provided a street lighting plan that indicates six (6) lights are necessary on the east side of Grand Avenue. Staff continues to work with representatives from MidAmerican Energy to determine the exact number and location that will be necessary along Grand Avenue: more specifically, along the east side of the street. The applicant is requesting that they be allowed up to eight (8) years to install the required street lights along Grand Avenue.
 - Fuller Road: Streetlights exist along a portion of Fuller Road but do not extend along the full frontage of Walnut Creek Community Church's property. As with Grand Avenue, the number and location of necessary lights is being finalized. The applicant is requesting that they be allowed up to ten (10) years to install any lights that may be required along Fuller Road.
- Provision of public street rights-of-way deficient to Comprehensive Plan standards. As indicated above, the property owner has indicated agreement with the provision of deficient right-of-way for Fuller Road.
- Parking Improvements. Per City Code, a gymnasium is required to provide one (1) space per four (4) fixed seats (18" of bench = 1 seat). Based on 400 gym seats, the gymnasium is required to provide a minimum of 100 parking spaces. Religious organizations are required to provide one (1) space per four (4) fixed seats, plus one (1) space per 50sf of assembly area. Based on the gymnasium's size, the church use requires the provision of a minimum of 307 parking stalls. ICA has indicated that the church will not be allowed to place chairs on the gymnasium floor, thus the space available to them is limited to the same as the gymnasium use for athletic events in that all individuals would be seated in the bleachers. Because of this restriction, the need for 307 parking spaces is not anticipated to be warranted. The applicant is requesting that the installation of 169 parking spaces (church use required 307 stalls minus 138 to be constructed with the gymnasium) be deferred until such time that it is proven (patrons parking on grass or off-site due to lack of available stalls) they are needed. The applicant has provided a sheet within the site plan packet demonstrating where the additional parking could be accommodated should installation be necessary. Typical City practice is to allow deferral of parking as long as it has been demonstrated that the additional parking required to comply with city code minimums can be provided on-site.

Granting of the above indicated deferrals is at the discretion of the Plan and Zoning Commission and City Council. The deferral request will be presented to the Commission at their April 30th meeting and to the City Council on May 5th. Staff has included conditions of approval for this site plan which require the installation of the above mentioned requirements in the event the City Council denies or otherwise modifies the deferrals.

<u>Comprehensive Plan Consistency</u>: The project has been reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Based upon that review, a finding has been made that the proposed project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in that the project is consistent with all of the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the land use map of the Comprehensive Plan.

<u>Findings</u>: This proposed project was distributed to various city departments for review and comment. Based upon that review, the following findings have been made on the proposed project:

1. The proposed development and use is consistent with the West Des Moines Comprehensive Plan in that the project has been reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Based upon that review, a finding has been made that the proposed project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in that the project is consistent with all of the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

- The proposed development and use does assure compatibility of property uses within the zone and general area in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. All applicable standards and conditions have been imposed which protects the public health, safety and welfare in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments and public agencies for compliance with the various state and local regulations. Based upon that review a finding is made that the project has been adequately conditioned to protect the health, welfare and safety of the community.
- 4. There is adequate on-site and off-site public infrastructure to support the proposed development in that this project was reviewed by various public agencies and City Departments and public utilities to ensure that either the petitioner will construct or the project has been conditioned to construct adequate public infrastructure to serve the development.
- 5. The proposed development and use has met the requirements contained in the City Code in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments and the project has complied with or has been conditioned to comply with all City Code requirements.
- 6. The proposed development and use is in keeping with the scale and nature of the surrounding neighborhood in that the proposed project is consistent with the zoning designation and Comprehensive Plan which designates this site as suitable for development such as that proposed by this project.

<u>Noticing Information</u>: On April 11, 2014, notice of the April 23, 2014 Board of Adjustment Public Hearing on this project was published in the Des Moines Register Community Section. Notice of this public hearing was also mailed to all surrounding property owners within 370 feet of the subject property on April 4, 2014.

Staff Recommendation And Conditions Of Approval: Based upon the preceding review and a finding of consistency with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the findings necessary for approval, staff recommends the Board of Adjustment adopt a resolution approving the Permitted Conditional Use Permit request to allow the construction of an approximately 20,000sf gymnasium and future 11,500sf building addition to allow uses classified under SIC 8211: Elementary and Secondary School and SIC 8661: Religious Organizations, subject to the applicant meeting all City Code requirements and the following:

- 1. The applicant continuing to work with city staff to create a building design which further minimizes the amount of visible metal consistent with the direction of the March 27, 2014 Development and Planning City Council Subcommittee stated preference to implement a building that is not characteristic of an agricultural building;
- 2. Prior to initiation of any site development activity, including clearing or grading, the applicant providing a copy of the Storm Water NPDES General Permit #2 authorized by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to the Chief Building Official or case planner;
- 3. Prior to issuance of an occupancy permit, including temporary occupancy permit, the property owner providing necessary public street right-of-way for Fuller Road to provide a total of 50ft of right-of-way from the center of the roadway;
- 4. The applicant agreeing to have a Traffic Impact Study completed in conjunction with any subsequent building or parking expansion to determine if roadway improvements to either Grand Avenue and Fuller Road as indicated in the April 1, 2014, Traffic Impact Study completed for the site:
- 5. The Board of Adjustment accepting the placement of landscape vegetation immediately adjacent to the edge of the parking lot located south the proposed gymnasium as meeting the intent of the

incorporation of landscape islands and tree pods for the placement of trees to provide shade and otherwise visually soften the expanses of parking lot paving;

- 6. The City Council deferring the installation of up to 169 parking stalls required until such time that need for all or part of the deferred parking is warranted as determined by events in which parking on the grass or other non-designated parking areas occurs or parking off-site is occurring due to the lack of available parking stalls. Prior to implementation of additional parking to satisfy the deferred parking stalls, the applicant shall submit and receive approval of a Minor Modification to the City identifying the location and engineering details for the stalls to be implemented. Although not typically required of Minor Modification submittals, if the Planning Division determines the number of stalls necessary to alleviate parking problems is such that potential traffic issues as discussed in the April 1, 2014 Traffic Impact Study may occur, a Traffic Impact Study will be required to determine if roadway improvements identified in the April 1, 2014 Traffic Impact Study are warranted;
- 7. The City Council granting a deferral for the installation of approximately 775 linear feet of public sidewalk along Grand Avenue until May, 2019 unless otherwise required to be installed as part of the City's Sidewalk Improvement Program. The applicant shall, as part of site development for the gymnasium building, install that public sidewalk located between the two (2) proposed Grand Avenue access drives for the site;
- 8. The City Council granting a deferral of the installation of streetlights adjacent to the property along the south side of Grand Avenue until May, 2022; and,
- 9. The City Council granting a deferral of the installation of streetlights adjacent to the property along Fuller Road until May, 2024.

Property Owner: Walnut Creek Community Church

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West Des Moines, IA 50266

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SITE DETAILS

Comprehensive Plan Designation:Open SpaceExisting Zoning Designation:Open SpaceProposed Zoning Designation:Open Space

Existing Land Use: Church Campground

Surrounding Land Uses:

North: Comprehensive Plan Designation: Apartments

Existing Zoning Designation: Residential High Density (RH-18)
Existing Land Use: High Density Residential (HD)

South: Comprehensive Plan Designation: Industrial

Existing Zoning Designation: General Industrial (GI)
Existing Land Use: General Industrial (GI)

East: Comprehensive Plan Designation: Single Family Residences and Apartments

Existing Zoning Designation: Residential Single Family and High Density (RS-5 & RH-18)

Existing Land Use: High Density Residential (HD)

West: Comprehensive Plan Designation: Single Family Residential

Existing Zoning Designation: Residential Estate (RE-1A)
Existing Land Use: Low Density Residential (LD)

Total Land Area: 22.93 acres

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A Board of Adjustment Resolution

Attachment B Location Map
Attachment C Site Plans
Attachment D Elevations

Attachment E Architect's Explanation of Design
Attachment F Letter - Requests for Deferments

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, APPROVING A PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (PC-002074-2014) TO CONSTRUCT A GYMNASIUM AND FUTURE BUILDING ADDITION FOR USES CLASSIFIED UNDER SIC 8211 AND SIC 8661 ON THAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2296 GRAND AVENUE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 1 et seq, of the West Des Moines Municipal Code, the applicant, Iowa Christian Academy, in conjunction with the property owner, Walnut Creek Community Church, has requested approval of a Permitted Conditional Use permit to allow the construction of an approximately 20,000sf gymnasium and future approximately 11,500sf building for classrooms to accommodate land uses classified under SIC 8211: Elementary and Secondary School and SIC 8661: Religious Organizations on that 22.93 acre property located at 2296 Grand Avenue, and legally described as follows:

Legal Description of Property SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT 'A'

WHEREAS, studies and investigations were made, and staff reports and recommendations were submitted which is made a part of this record and herein incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2014, the Board of Adjustment held a duly-noticed public hearing to consider the application for Permitted Conditional Use Permit (PC-002074-2014);

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The findings, for approval, in the staff report, dated April 23, 2014, or as amended orally at the Board of Adjustment hearing of April 23, 2014, are adopted.

SECTION 2. PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (PC-002074-2014) is approved, subject to compliance with all the conditions in the staff report, dated April 23, 2014, including conditions added at the Hearing, and attached hereto as Exhibit "B", if any. Violation of any such conditions shall be grounds for revocation of the entitlement, as well as any other remedy which is available to the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on April 23, 2014

Jennifer Drake, Chairperson	
Board of Adjustment	

ATTEST:
Recording Secretary
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Adjustment for the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on April 23, 2014, by the following vote:
AYES: NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:
ATTEST:
Recording Secretary

Exhibit A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 78 NORTH, RANGE 25 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., IN THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, LYING NORTH OF FULLER ROAD AND EAST OF GRAND AVENUE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE

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SOUTH 00°02'00"E, 190.04 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GRAND AVENUE TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FULLER ROAD; THENCE

S69°55'48"E, 121.08 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FULLER ROAD; THENCE

N73°15′23″E, 520.05 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FULLER ROAD; THENCE

N24°44′52"E, 171.61 FEET; THENCE

N09°52'46"E, 30.00 FEET; THENCE

\$76°01'03"E, 204.32 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FULLER ROAD; THENCE

N34°46'33"E, 491.71 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FULLER ROAD; THENCE

N45°06'45"W, 852.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 22.93 ACRES.

Exhibit B CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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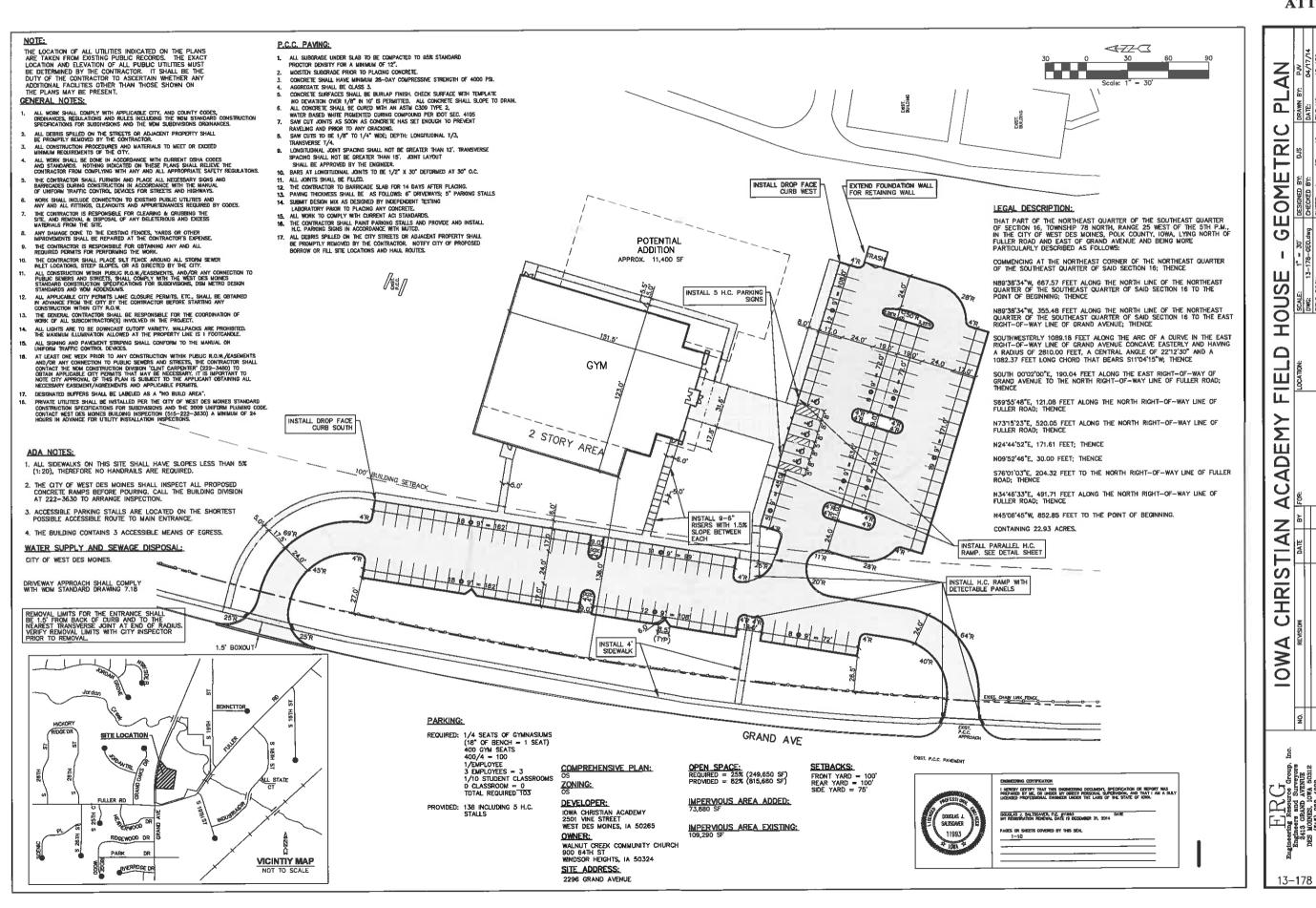


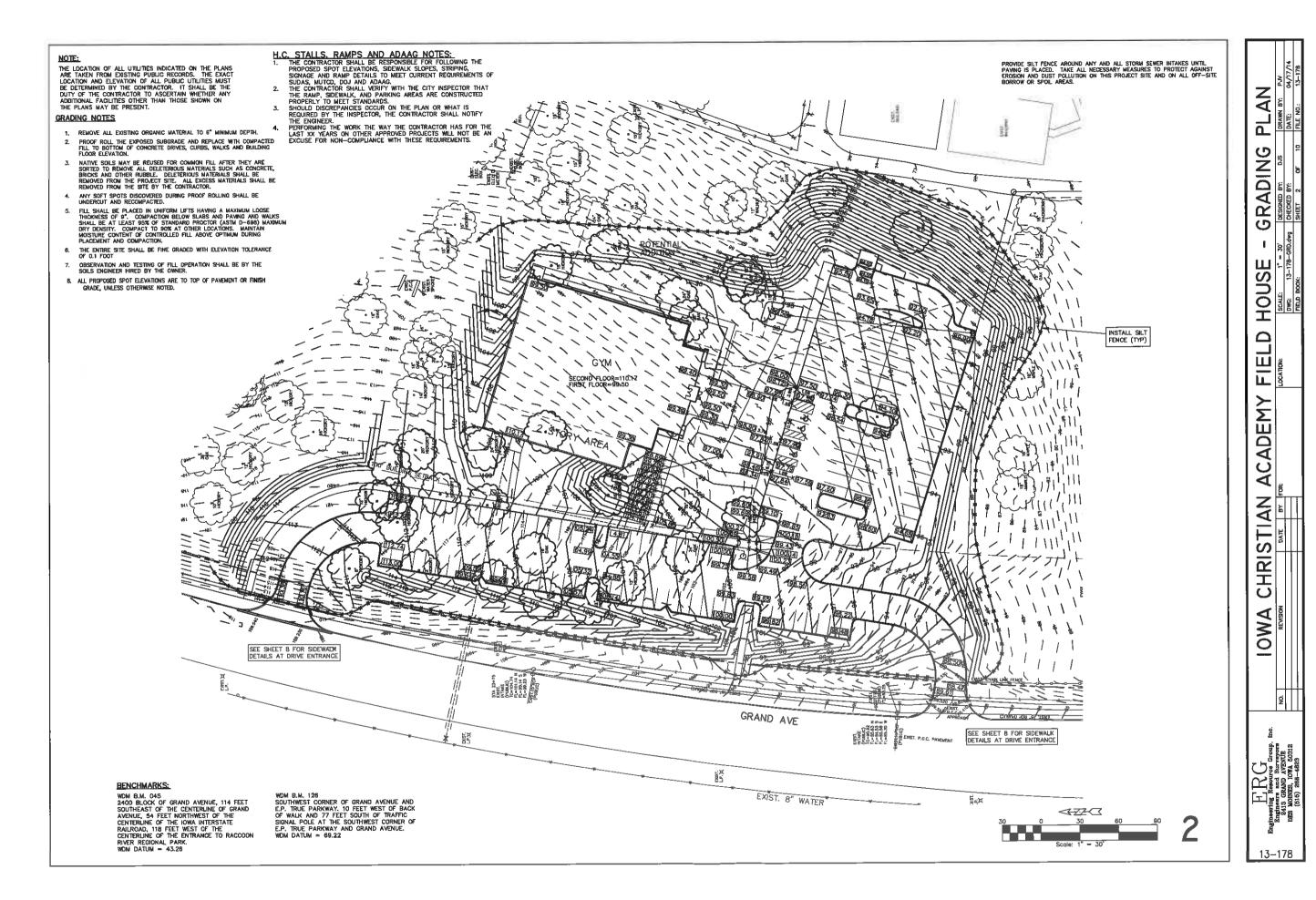
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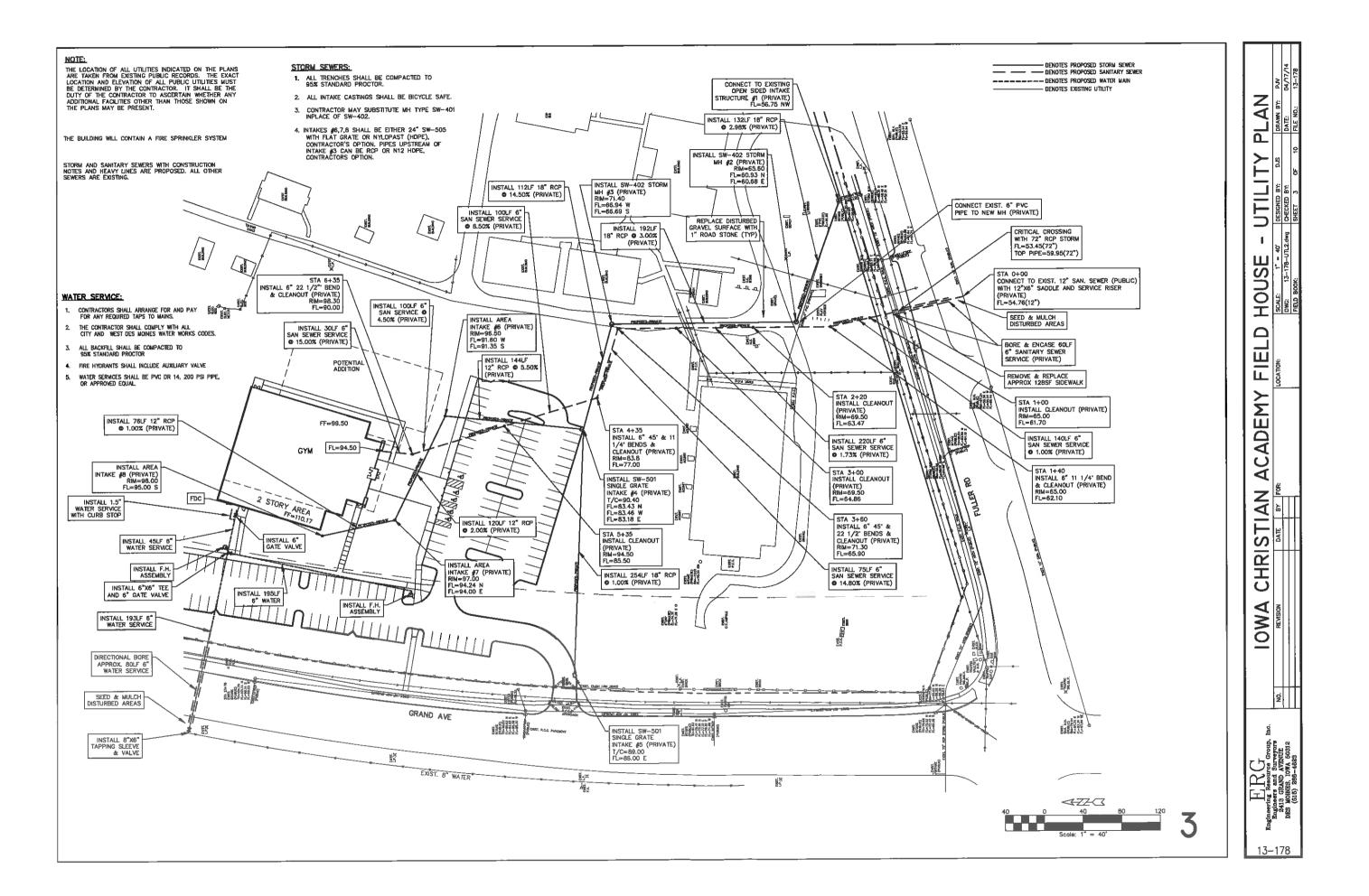


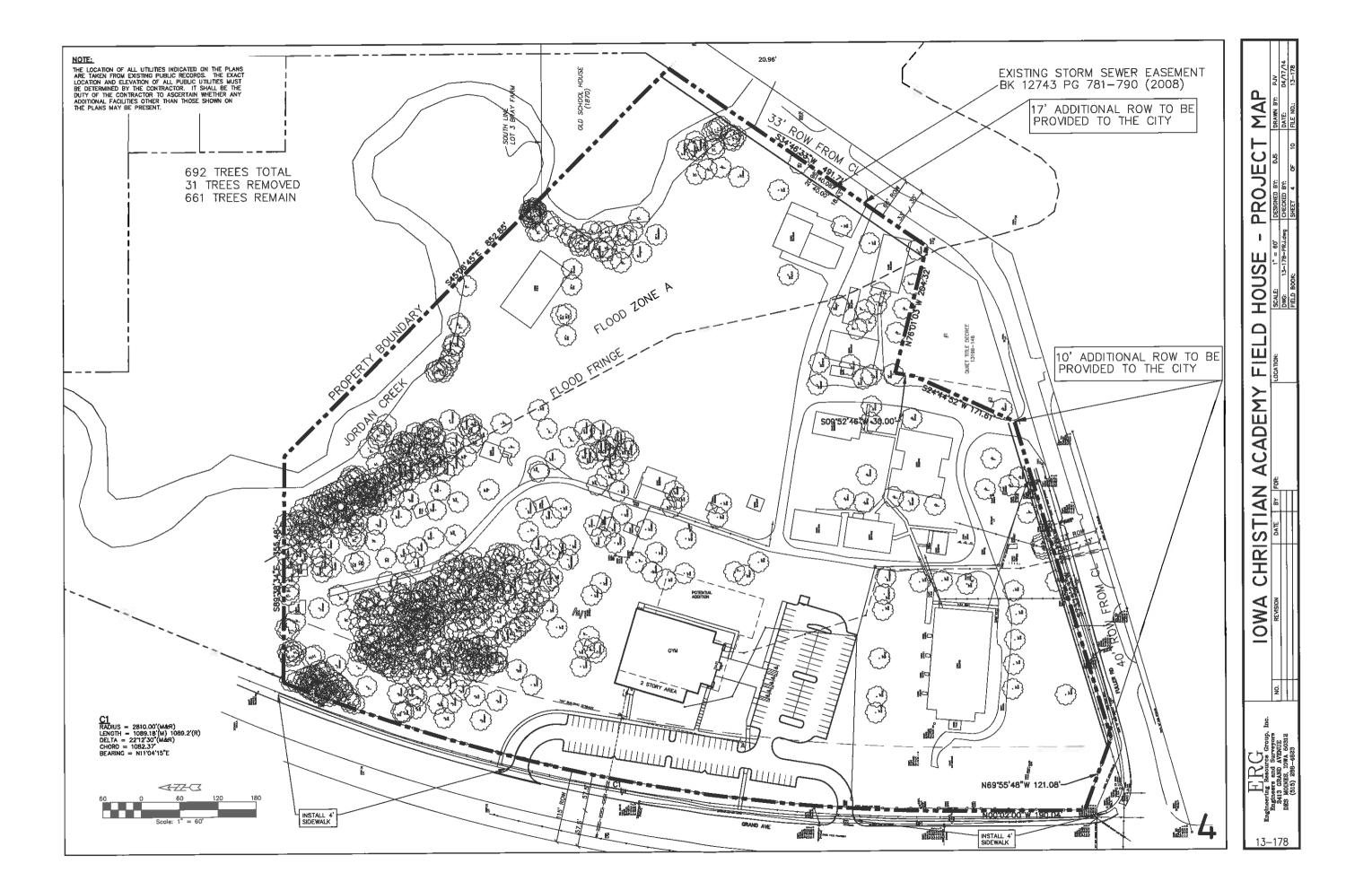
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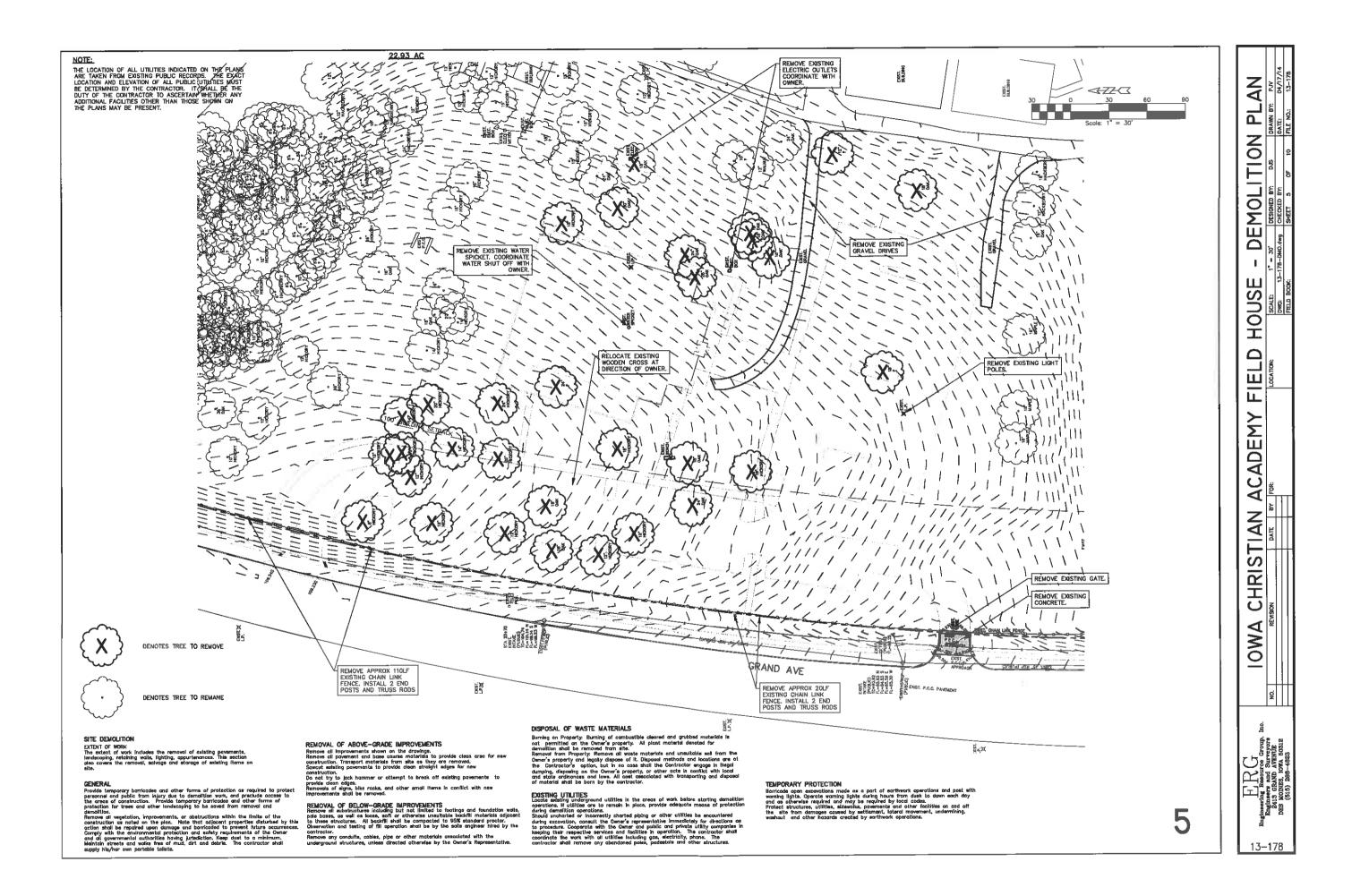
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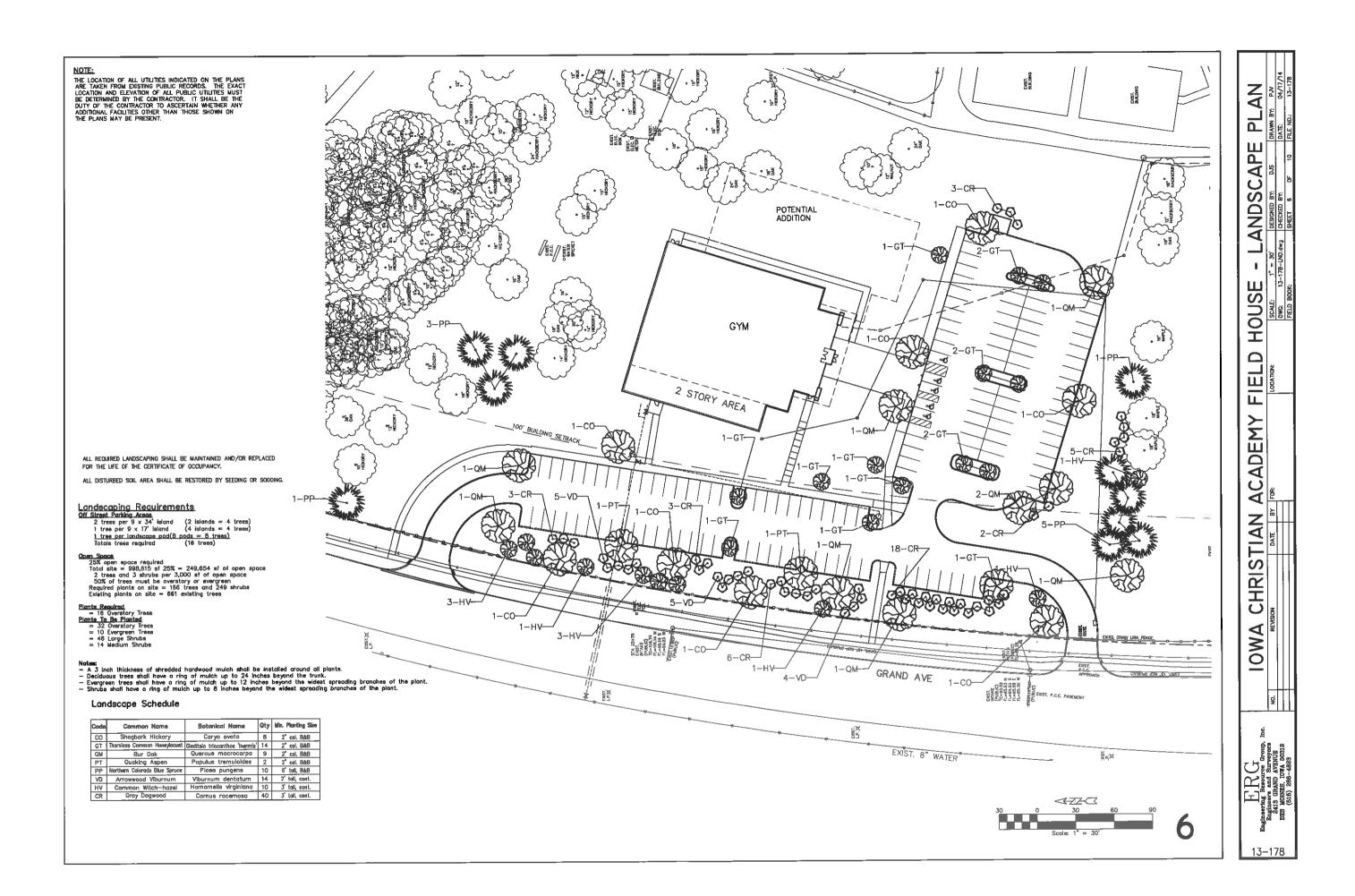


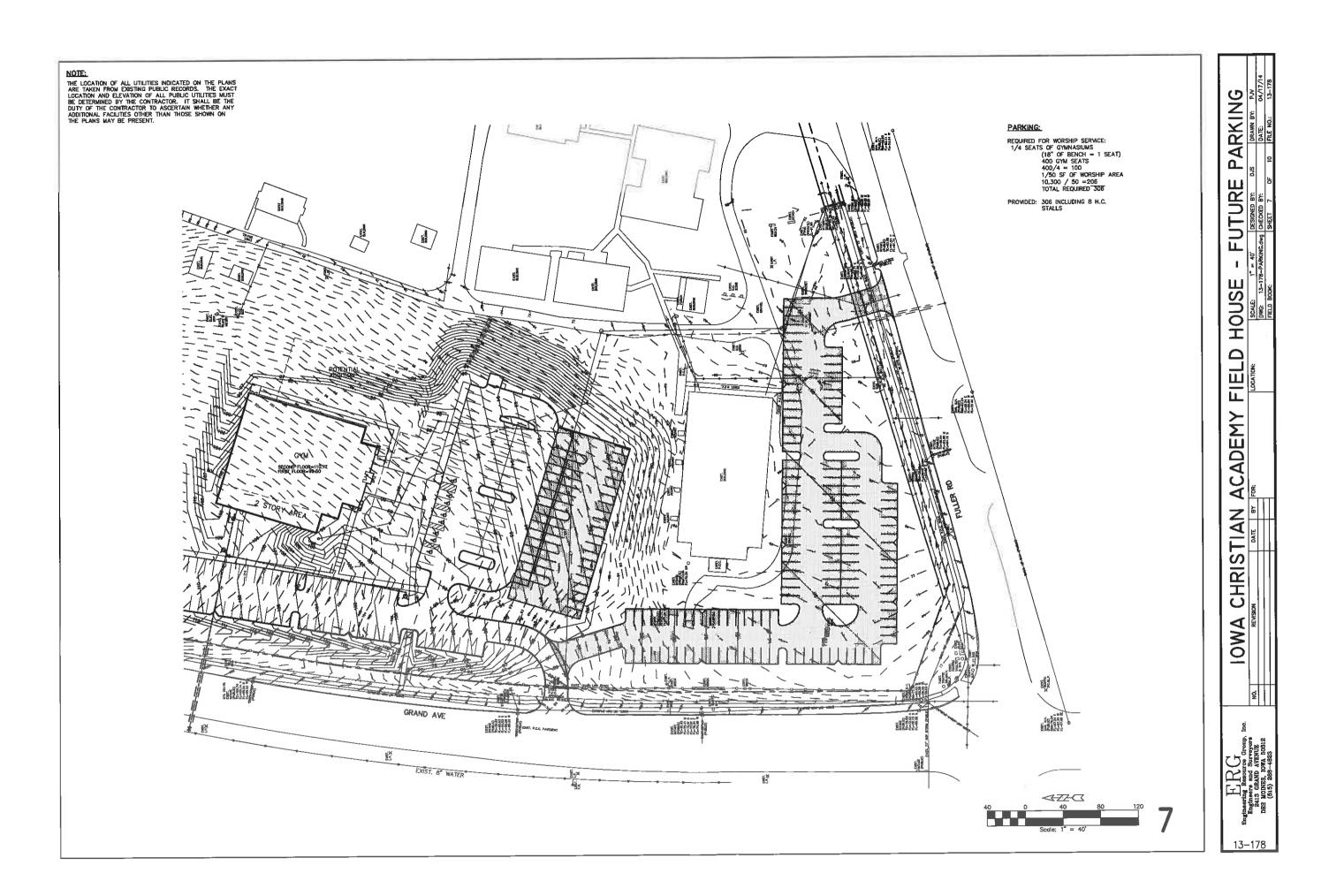


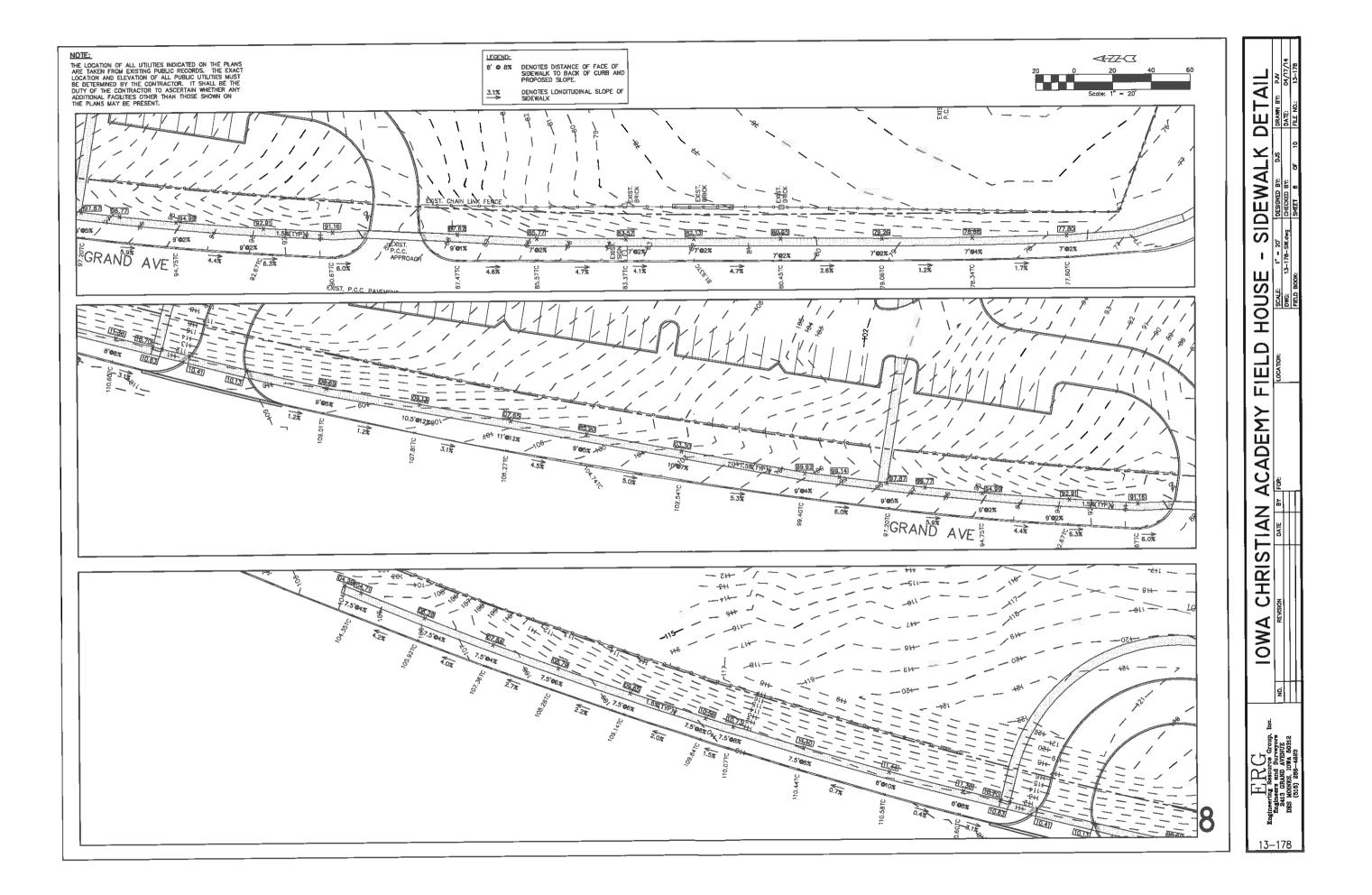


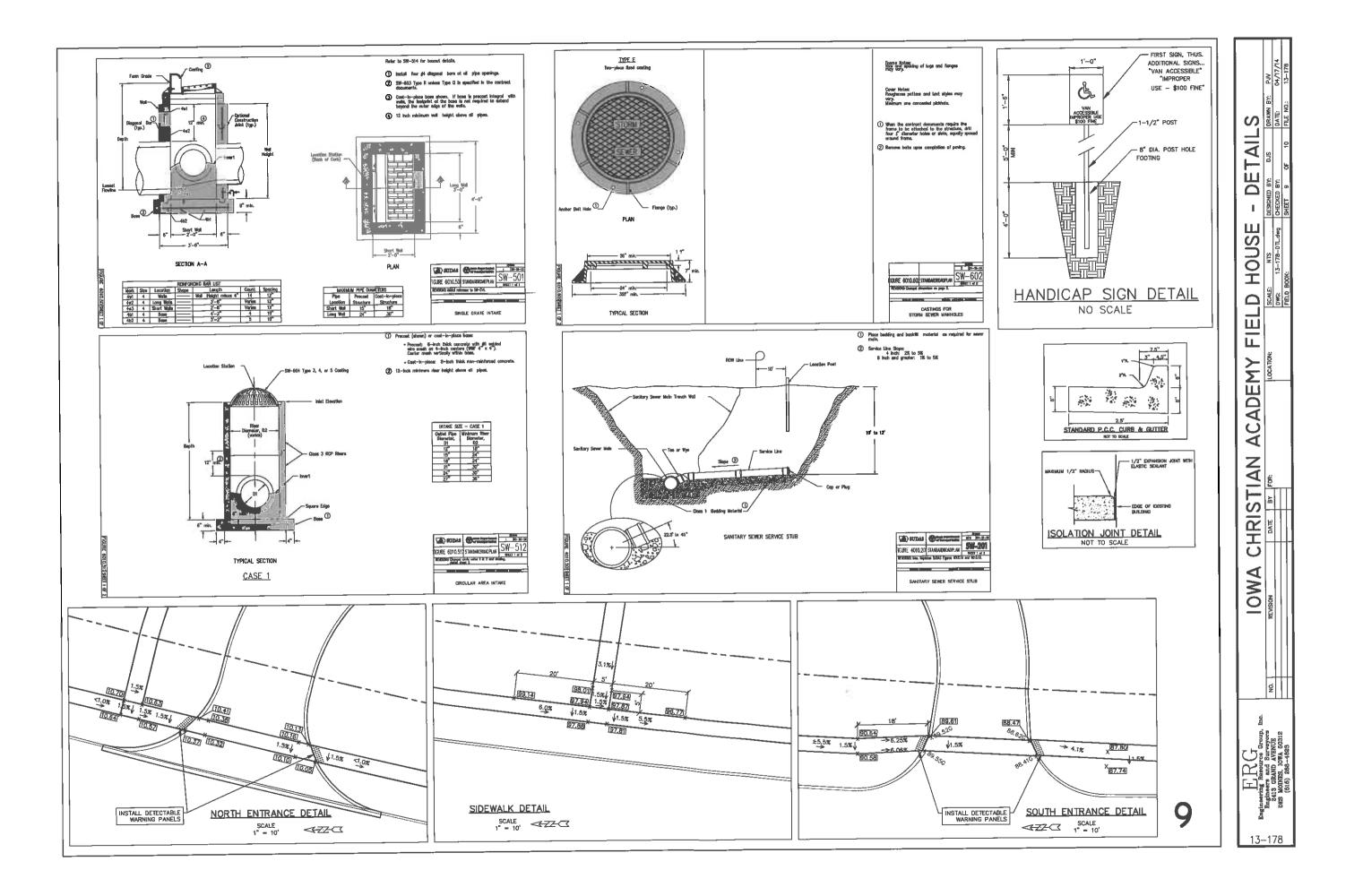


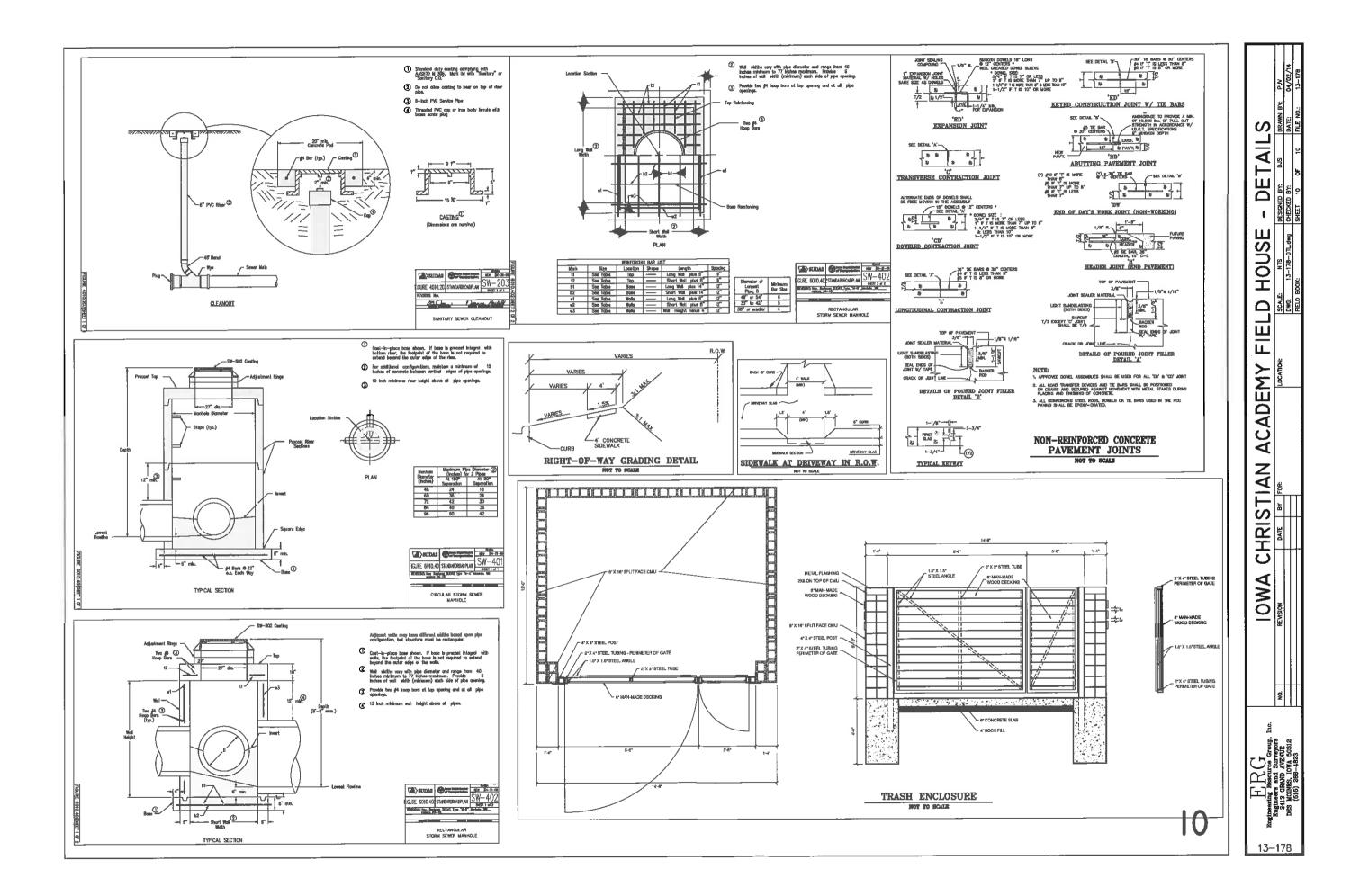










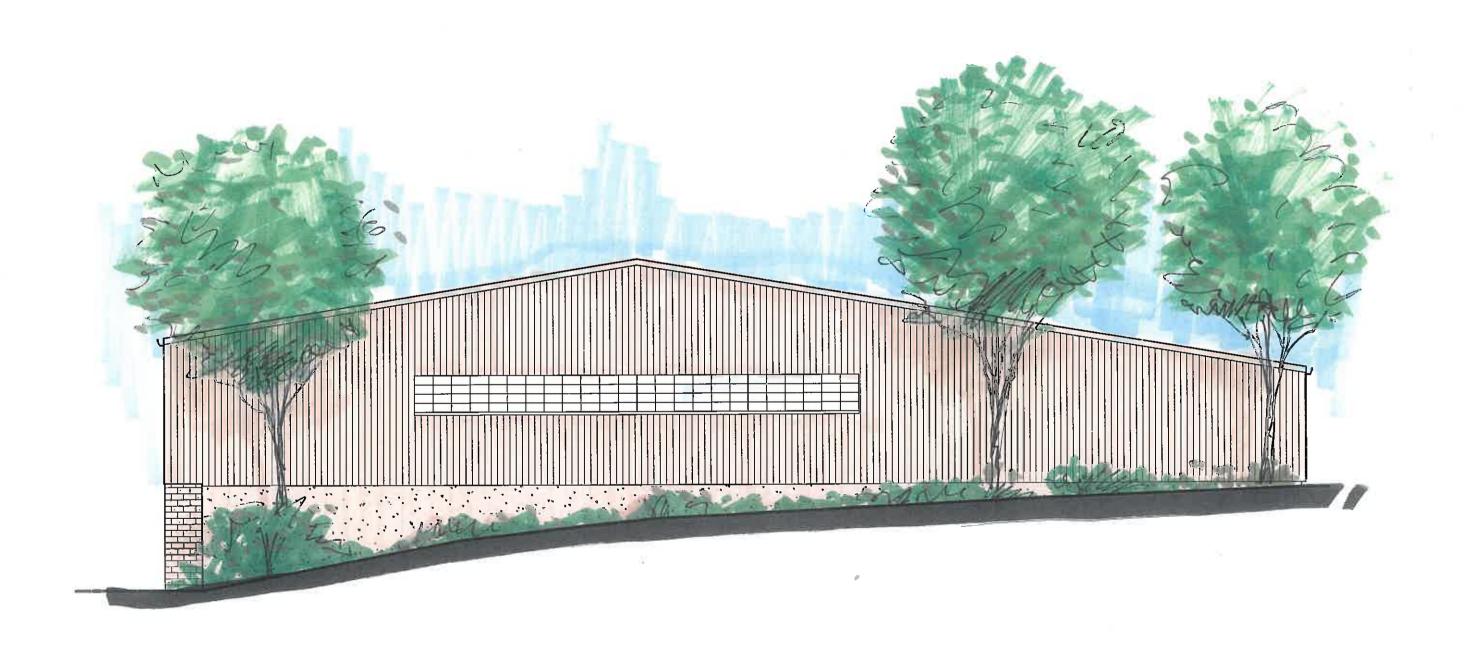




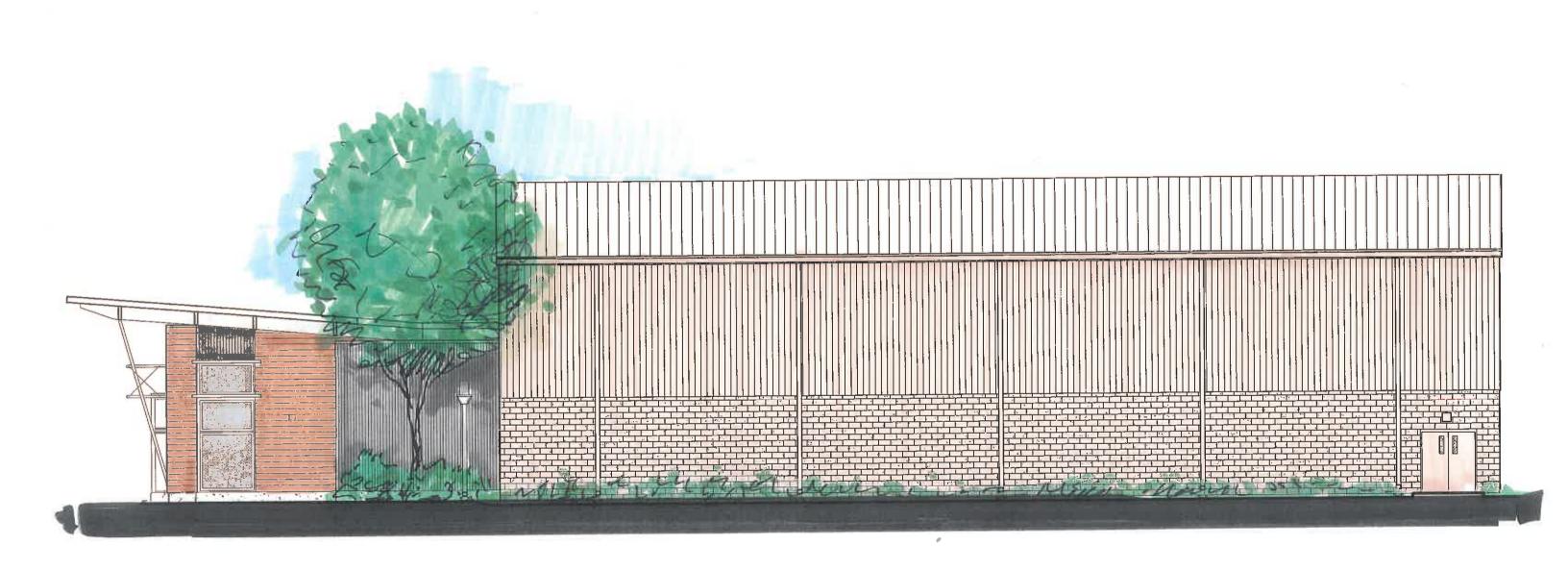
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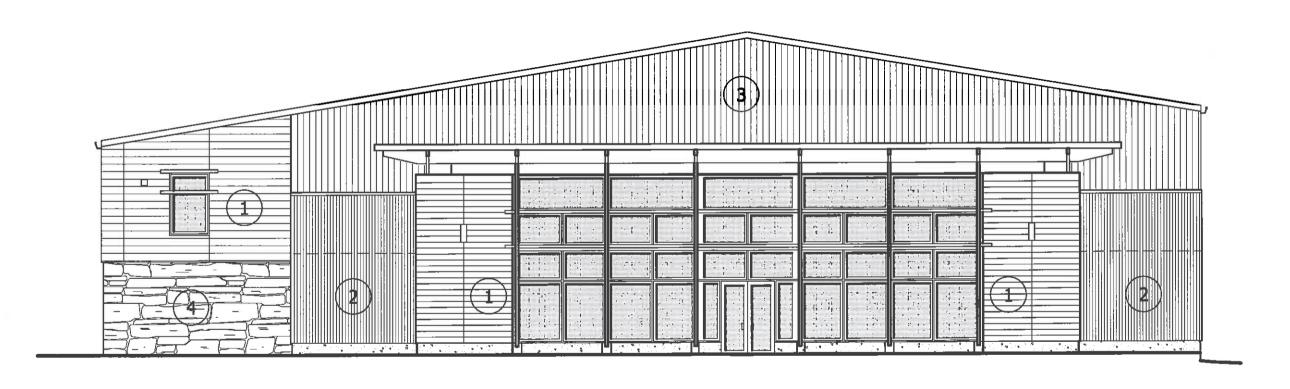


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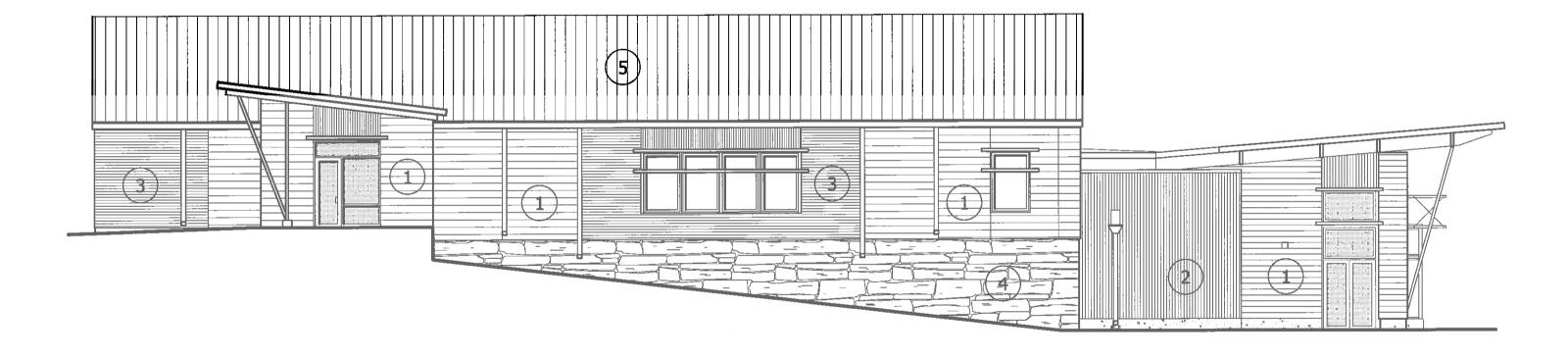
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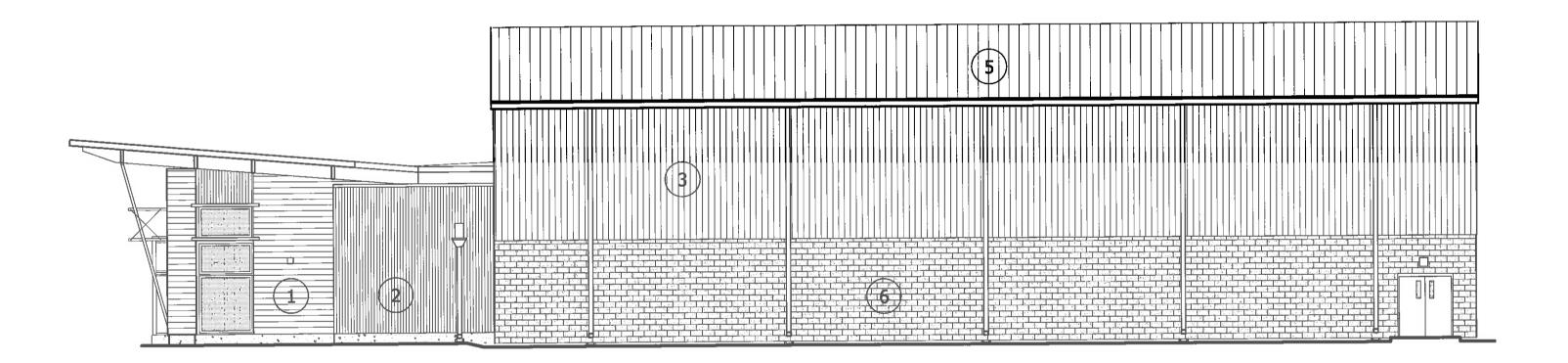
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- (2) PROPOSED COOL WEATHERED COPPER METAL PANEL
- 3 PROPOSED COOL SIERRA TAN METAL PANEL
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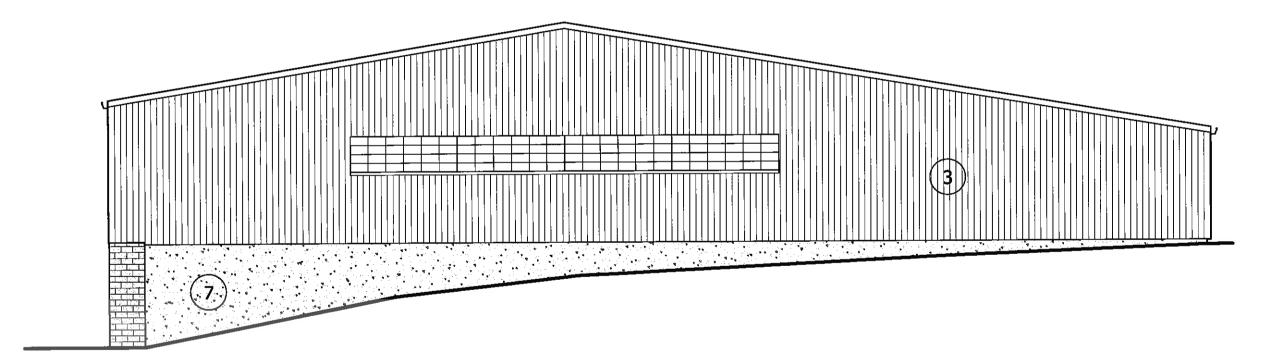
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- PROPOSED ROOF METAL PANEL COLOR SELECTED FROM STANDARD COLORS. APPROVAL BY CITY. (TOP OF ROOF MAY NOT BE VISIBLE FROM STREET)



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NORTH ELEVATION - WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

3 PROPOSED COOL SIERRA TAN - METAL PANEL

PROPOSED CONCRETE RETAINING WALL (FOR STRENGTH) PAINT TAUPE COLOR.





The following issues have been addressed by Dave Laugerman as project Architect for the lowa Christian Academy new gym located along Grand Avenue in West Des Moines, IA.

Building site:

The former Nazarene Camp grounds in West Des Moines is a very special and attractive natural green park located within City limits offering a quick and refreshing escape from the busy City. Hundreds if not thousands of young people socially recreate on this site like no other during the warmer months.

The property will always be known for its comfortable green space cooled by the giant oak trees that brings people together for common activities. Future buildings will need to enhance this site and not take away from it. A Projects that will enhance the site by providing additional quality amenities that are currently lacking.

Building site contextual issues:

Existing camp cabins are slowly being taken down as deemed unsafe as they are literally falling apart. Currently only four cabins are still standing with only one being restored. No additional funds are being allocated to save the other three cabins. The Owner has no plans to save any of these cabins in the future.

Far too often we overly romanticize this piece of ground but in truth it is slowly being changed into something new. Most sites change over time, and this site will too, as many of the older buildings have already been removed making room for the new. Surrounding buildings that have previously defined the contextual built environment are disappearing, making room for a site that is more community friendly and a place for greater numbers to enjoy.

Page two of ICA Contextual issues:

The dormitory buildings will stay for now but are poorly insulated and will need to be rebuilt in the future. The Owner does not have a site master site plan. A master plan appears at his time very limiting for it is currently seen as plan that may actually get in the way of a natural development based upon changing and growing needs.

The larger curve roof assembly building in the SW corner of the site will remain but no additional dollars are being allocated for this building with know plans for improvements.

Last of all the Jordon House as located on the SE corner of the property is located and visible only from Fuller road to the south. Century registered oak trees surround the house along with a painted picket fence. The Jordon House will always remain known for its history during the latter days of slavery. The house although it adjoins the property being discussed, it will never be a part of the current site no more than the building across the street should be considered as part of the Jordon house. From Grand Ave the Jordon House is not even visible.

Proposed building design:

First of all this project is a gym which upfront sets the project scope and general appearance. More importantly the project stays within the social context of this site by bringing people together for year around activities.

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Design elements in keeping with in site context:

We are proposing to enhance the site rather than take from it. Our proposed building as shown on Civil plans will tuck into the northern hill to minimize over all height and leave the site more open by not building in the center of the site that is more common. As the building is lowered in to the northern hill the mighty oak trees stay dominant in height.

Building colors are also very important as colors will be chosen from very warm earth tones. Natural wood veneers and stone will further enhance the building as it becomes one with the site.

Page three of ICA Contextual issues:

The large over hanging front building canopy hangs out like a canopy of a tree providing shade and comfort at the base. The sloped bracing that reaches up to the roof framing members again reflects the vertical column bases of all the trees on site. Like the shade from the tree canopy light is soft and comfortable and glare is removed along with the suns heat. Environmentally and practically the design makes sense.

With the parking lot further down the slope parking becomes less dominant. As we move closer to the building the front entrance quickly over powers the larger gym behind and the gym features disappear. Moving forward we can't help but notice the large overhanging roof that seems to float over the space below. A canopy that defines its spaciousness but at the same time bringing us back to the context of the site as we observe the bottom of this great tree like image wrapped on the bottom with wood planking that continues on into the building.

The glass main entry wall brings the inner built environment up close to the natural with little interference physically or visually. The front lobby will be a great gathering place for smaller groups with a durable concrete floor.

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April 15, 2014 Revised

City of West Des Moines ATTN: Lynne Twedt, Case Advisor Planning Division

RE: Request for Deferments Related to Iowa Christian Academy Fieldhouse

To Whom It May Concern:

Iowa Christian Academy ("ICA") hereby respectfully requests the following improvements be deferred:

- 1. Installation of public sidewalks along Grand Avenue ICA requests the installation of these improvements (approximately 397 linear feet south of the site and approximately 374 linear feet north of the site, estimated cost \$16,000) be delayed for up to five (5) years. At the end of such time period, the sidewalks will be constructed. As part of the ICA Fieldhouse construction, ICA will install sidewalks between the ICA Fieldhouse driveways located along Grand Avenue (approximately 523 linear feet).
- 2. Parking Improvements Under current City Code, the ICA Fieldhouse use requires 103 parking stalls be constructed and ICA will actually construct 138 parking stalls. Walnut Creek Community Church (owner of property) is allowed to use the ICA Fieldhouse on Sunday for church services, which requires 1 parking stall for every 50 sq. ft. of space used for church services, or 307 parking stalls. ICA is requesting a deferral on the 169 additional parking space requirements until such time as the church service use shows (i.e., parking on the grass or off-site patron parking due to lack of parking stalls) the installation of additional parking.
- 3. Installation of Streetlights along Fuller Road At this time, ICA requests the installation of any streetlights required along Fuller Road be delayed for up to ten (10) years. At the end of such time period, the light poles will be installed. The cost to install such poles is estimated to be approximately \$9,000 per pole.
- 4. Installation of Streetlights along Grand Avenue ICA requests the installation of the 6 streetlights required along Grand Avenue be delayed for up to eight (8) years. At the end of such time period, the light poles will be installed. The cost to install such

- poles is estimated to be approximately \$9,000 per pole, or a total of \$54,000, in today's dollars.
- 5. Access road to Fuller Road ICA agrees with the recommendations of the Traffic Impact Study which includes a potential internal connection to Fuller Road and possible implementation of a left-turn lane on Grand Avenue at such time that such improvement is warranted. ICA requests these improvements be delayed until the traffic volume necessitates such improvements be constructed, as indicated in the Traffic Study.

If you have any questions or need information in addition to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

IOWA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

By: Dr. Brenda Hellman

Dr. Brenda Hillman, Administrator

Attached: ICA Street Lighting Project

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